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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)

Brian J. BERDAN et al.)

Serial No.: 09/911,288) Art Unit: 3682

Filed: July 23, 2001) Examiner: Julie Knecht Smith

For: EXTENSIBLE JACK HANDLE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed August 22, 2002, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire November 22, 2002. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please substitute the drawing submitted herewith for the corresponding pending drawing. Changes to the drawing are indicated in red ink and submitted herewith the Request for Approval Drawing Corrections.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 6, 13, 17 and 18. ✓

Please amend claims 1, 7-9, and 14-16 as follows. A marked-up copy of the claims showing the changes made below is submitted herewith.

1. (Amended) An extensible handle comprising: